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# ELECTIONS!

Don't just vote...run for office!



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## October Ham Breakfast

**October 3rd**  
**Country Buffet**  
(Citadel Crossing)  
8:00 am - 9:30 am

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## October Club Meeting

The club meeting will be on October 14th (second Wednesday in September), at 7 pm at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

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## PPRAA Officers

President	Doug Nielsen	N7LEM
Vice President	Dave Moore	KØDAM
Secretary	John Wishart	KCØJFH
Treasurer	Dennis Rosas	ACØIV
Board	Dan Scott	WØRO
Board	Dennis Major	NØABC
Board	Tom Brereton	WØTOM
Board	Galen Steele	AGØA
Ø-Beat Editor	Mike Anderson	WV7T

All officers can be contacted at:  
[boardmembers@ppraa.org](mailto:boardmembers@ppraa.org)



## Portable Operating Group Forming

A group of local hams are making plans for regular monthly “DXpedition” portable operating activities in the local area. Anyone who would like to find out more or get involved contact Mike, WV7T, at 229-8610 or [wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net).

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## Technical Education



Mike Anderson, WV7T  
[wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net)  
719-229-8610

License and code tutoring. Electronic theory.

Technical instruction upon request.

Need help getting your ticket or upgrading, give Mike a call.

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## OCTOBER CONTESTS

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SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 1
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 2
TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 3
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 3
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 3 to 0800Z, Oct 4
International HELL-Contest	1400Z-1600Z, Oct 3 (80m) and 0900Z-1100Z, Oct 4 (40m)
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 3 to 2159Z, Oct 4
EU Autumn Sprint, SSB	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 3
UBA ON Contest, CW	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 4
RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest	0700Z-1900Z, Oct 4
ARS Spartan Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 6
432 MHz Fall Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Oct 7
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 8
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 9
YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	1400Z, Oct 9 to 0200Z, Oct 11
ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Oct 10 to 2359Z, Oct 11
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z-0759Z, Oct 10 and 1600Z-2359Z, Oct 10 and 0800Z-1559Z, Oct 11
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 10 to 0800Z, Oct 11
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 0500Z, Oct 11 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 11
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 10
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 10 to 0400Z, Oct 11 and 1400Z-2359Z, Oct 11
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 10
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 11
SKCC Weekend Sprint	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 11
UBA ON Contest, SSB	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 11
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0030Z-0230Z, Oct 14
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 16

Araucaria VHF Contest	0000Z, Oct 17 to 1600Z, Oct 18
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 17 to 2400Z, Oct 18
Microwave Fall Sprint	0600 local - 1200 local, Oct 17
Feld Hell Sprint	1000Z-2000Z, Oct 17
ARCI Fall QSO Party	1200Z, Oct 17 to 2400Z, Oct 18
Iowa QSO Party	1400Z-2300Z, Oct 17
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1500Z, Oct 18
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 17 to 1459Z, Oct 18
W/VE Islands QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 17 to 2359Z, Oct 18
New York QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 17 to 0600Z, Oct 18
PODXS 070 Club 160m	2000 local, Oct 17 to 0200 local, Oct 18
Great Pumpkin Sprint	0200 local, Oct 18
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 18
UBA ON Contest, 2m	0600Z-1000Z, Oct 18
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 18 to 0100Z, Oct 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 19
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Oct 19 to 2400Z, Oct 23
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB	1900Z-2030Z, Oct 21
NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Oct 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 24 to 2400Z, Oct 25
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 24 to 2359Z, Oct 25
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Oct 24 to 2359Z, Oct 25
50 MHz Fall Sprint	2300Z, Oct 24 to 0300Z, Oct 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 28
NCCC Sprint	

## OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

**Oct 2-Oct 11, 1400Z-1800Z**, Albuquerque, NM.  
High Desert Amateur Radio Club of NM, Inc, N5B.  
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta 2009.

21.280 14.260 7.260. QSL. HDARC of NM, Inc, 4972 Turquoise Dr, Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

**fwarrensr@earthlink.net** or [www.nm5hd.com](http://www.nm5hd.com)

**Oct 3, 0900Z-1800Z**, Prosperity, PA. Washington Amateur Communications, WA3COM. Boy Scout Emergency Preparedness Drill. 14.250 3.865 7.225 21.300. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, 60 Carl Ave B-2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. [www.wacomarc.org](http://www.wacomarc.org)

**Oct 3, 1100Z-1800Z**, LaGrange, GA. LaGrange Amateur Radio Club, K4L. Celebrating LARC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at its first Ham Fest. 14.070 7.070 3.580. Certificate. E. A. Skip Kazmarek, K4EAK, 1190 Byrnwyck Rd, Atlanta, GA 30319.

[www.lagrangeradioclub.org](http://www.lagrangeradioclub.org)

**Oct 3, 1200Z-2100Z**, Harlem, GA. Columbia County Amateur Radio Club, W4O. The Oliver Hardy Festival Special Event Station - W4O. 28.360 21.260 14.260 7.260. QSL. W4O Special Event Station, PO Box 800, Evans, GA 30809.

[ccarc.hamradioman.com/index.html](http://ccarc.hamradioman.com/index.html)

**Oct 3, 1300Z-1700Z**, Anamosa, IA. Jones County Amateur Radio Club, WØCWP. 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Pumpkinfest and Weigh-Off. 14.260 +/- . Certificate. Jones County Amateur Radio Club, 304 S Ford St, Anamosa, IA 52205.

<http://pumpkinfest.anamosachamber.org> or [www.qsl.net/kc0lgb](http://www.qsl.net/kc0lgb)

**Oct 3, 1300Z-2000Z**, Forest, VA. Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club, N4J. 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's retirement as President and his first visit to Poplar Forest, his retreat home and farm in Bedford County VA. 14.070 PSK 14.263 7.260. QSL. Dick Hiner, W4HMK, 3977 Waugh Switch Rd, Big Island, VA 24526. [www.k4cq.n4kss.net](http://www.k4cq.n4kss.net)

**Oct 3, 1300Z-2300Z**, Hahira, GA. South Georgia United Methodist Amateur Radio Socie, WG4UM. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hahira Honey Bee Festival. 146.520 28.400 14.252 7.225. QSL. SGUMARS, 2548 E Park Ave, Valdosta, GA 31605.

[www.hahira.ga.us/honeybee.html](http://www.hahira.ga.us/honeybee.html)

**Oct 3, 1400Z-2000Z**, North Judson, IN. Starke County Amateur Radio Club, W9JOZ. Radioville, IN -- The Town that Never Was. 14.240 7.240. QSL. Stark County ARC, 7495 S 500 W, North Judson, IN 46366. [www.w9joz.org](http://www.w9joz.org)

**Oct 3, 1500Z-2359Z**, Oak Lawn, IL. Metro DX Club, W9M. Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Metro DX Club. 14.240 14.040 7.240. Certificate. John Holmes, 8728 Sproat Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. [www.metrodxclub.com](http://www.metrodxclub.com)

**Oct 3, 1500Z-2100Z**, Robbinsville, NC. Smoky Mountains Amateur Radio Team, N4GSM.

Opening of Cherochala Senic Skyway. 14.242 7.242. Certificate. SMART, PO Box 983, Robbinsville, NC 28771-0983. **w4fmf@arri.net** or [www.main.nc.us/graham/smart](http://www.main.nc.us/graham/smart)

**Oct 3-Oct 4, 0000Z-2359Z**, Lier, BELGIUM. Club Station UBA-LIR (ON7LR), ON4DAMIAN. Honoring the Canonization of Belgian Father Damien. 21.165 14.120 7.150 7.065 3.665. QSL. Via UBA bureau or direct to Radioclub ON7LR, Fortweb 24, 2500 Lier, BELGIUM. *Also operating on Sep 5-6, 2009.* [www.on7lr.org](http://www.on7lr.org)

**Oct 3-Oct 4, 1500Z-2300Z**, Pittsburgh, PA. Rotarians of Amateur Radio, K3R. Public demonstration of amateur radio-emergency preparedness. 14.230 14.155 7.180 7.130. Certificate. Bob Mente, 305 Ewing Rd, Carnegie, PA 15106-1509. *Listen on the 20 and 40 m bands.* [www.nu3q.com](http://www.nu3q.com)

**Oct 3-Oct 11, 0001Z-2359Z**, Los Angeles, CA. The Gertrude Tompkins Expedition, W6T. The search for the last missing WASP of WWII. 14.250. QSL. GTE-W6T, 837 W Ave L-10, #B, Lancaster, CA 93534. [groups.yahoo.com/group/w6t](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/w6t)

**Oct 4, 1200Z-2200Z**, Auburn, ME. Androscoggin ARC, N1D. Dempsey Challenge (bicycle race) fight against cancer. 28.400 14.240 7.190 3.950. QSL. Androscoggin ARC, PO Box 1, Auburn, ME 04212-0001. [www.w1npp.org](http://www.w1npp.org)

**Oct 4-Oct 31, 0001Z-2359Z**, Philadelphia, PA. University of Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Club, W3KZ/100. Celebrating 100 Years of Amateur Radio at Penn. 14.260 10.115 7.030 3.530. QSL. R. Miller, 1507 Wilson Ln, West Chester, PA 19380-6334. *W3ABT/100 will also be on-the-air from Alumni Club members stations.* [www.seas.upenn.edu/~uparc/history.html](http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~uparc/history.html)

**Oct 10, 1300Z-2000Z**, Townsend, TN. Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club, W4OLB. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. 14.310 7.070. QSL. Carroll Peabody, W4PCA, 2054 Independence Dr, Maryville, TN 37803. *Operating from the Smoky Mountain Visitor Center.* [www.smokymountainarc.org](http://www.smokymountainarc.org)

**Oct 10, 1400Z-2200Z**, Chillicothe, OH. Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club, W8BAP. Celebrating the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 28.420 21.365 14.265. QSL. SVARC, 306 E 4th St, Waverly, OH 45690. [grandpaguitar@hotmail.com](mailto:grandpaguitar@hotmail.com)



**Oct 10, 1400Z-2200Z**, Kings Mountain, NC. Cleveland County Amateur Radio Service, NA4CC. The Battle of Kings Mountain fought October 7, 1780. 14.260 7.260. Certificate. CCARS - Special Events, PO Box 864, Shelby, NC 28151.

[www.nps.gov/kimo](http://www.nps.gov/kimo) or [ki4rak@arrl.net](mailto:ki4rak@arrl.net)

**Oct 10, 1400Z-2000Z**, San Angelo, TX. San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, W5QX. 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the San Angelo Amateur Radio Club. 146.940 14.230 7.230. Certificate. SAARC, Inc, PO Box 4002, San Angelo, TX 76902.

[www.w5qx.org](http://www.w5qx.org)

**Oct 10, 1600Z-2359Z**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Operations Room, NI6IW. US Navy Birthday 1775. SSB 14.320 7.250 PSK-31 7.070 CW 14.060 7.055 D-STAR 2m/70cm SOCAL rep. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101.

[kk6fz@arrl.net](mailto:kk6fz@arrl.net)

**Oct 10, 1600Z-2359Z**, Troy, MO. Girl Scouts of America, WB2UFO. Girl Scout Camp demonstration of Amateur Radio. 14.326 7.245 3.973. QSL. Larry Lauer, WB2UFO, 13764 Cedar Cove Pl, New London, MI 63459.

[lhlauser@earthlink.net](mailto:lhlauser@earthlink.net)

**Oct 10-Oct 11, 1200Z-1800Z**, Athens, GA. Athens Radio Club, NE GA ARC and Oconee County ARS, K4UGA. 30 years of support to the University of GA and the Red Cross by local hams. 14.330 7.230 3.930 1.830. QSL. Athens Radio Club, PO Box 782, Athens, GA 30603-0782. [www.ne4ga.org](http://www.ne4ga.org)

or [www.athensradioclub.org](http://www.athensradioclub.org) or

[k4uga30.wordpress.com](http://k4uga30.wordpress.com)

**Oct 10-Oct 11, 1500Z-2100Z**, Warren, CT. Northville Amateur Radio Association, W1W. The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Warren Fall Festival. 21.300 14.245 7.225. Certificate. Mike Walters, W8ZY, 32 Chapin Rd, New Milford, CT 06776. [www.nalra.com](http://www.nalra.com)

**Oct 10-Oct 11, 1600Z-2200Z**, Burlington, NC. Alamance Amateur Radio Club, K4EG. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cape Lookout Lighthouse. SSB 28.450 21.250 14.250 7.250 CW 28.055 21.055 14.055 7.055. QSL. Gary Hills, KA4KJI, 1931 Malone Rd, Burlington, NC 27215. *Times are 1600Z-2000Z Oct 10 and 1300Z-2200Z Oct 11. Will also monitor 18.081 and 10.110.*

[home.roadrunner.com/~n4mio/AlamanceHam/AARC/aarc.shtml](http://home.roadrunner.com/~n4mio/AlamanceHam/AARC/aarc.shtml)

**Oct 12-Oct 18, 1500Z-2000Z**, Seney, MI. Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club, N8W. National Wildlife Refuge Special Event from Seney NWR.

14.235 14.070 7.235. QSL. Lake Effect ARC / NWR2009, 36 Southfork St, Marquette, MI 49855.

[www.LakeEffectARC.info/N8W-Seney](http://www.LakeEffectARC.info/N8W-Seney)

**Oct 14-Oct 18, 1500Z-2359Z**, Mio, MI. Eagles Landing Radio Club, K8W. National Wildlife Refuge Week, Kirtland Warbler. 7.070 7.225 14.250 14.070. QSL. KD8KAF, 5636 S Huron Rd, Pinconning, MI 48650. *Operating portable in the Kirtland Warbler nesting area.* [wd8cjin@arrl.net](mailto:wd8cjin@arrl.net)

**Oct 16-Oct 18, 1300Z-2100Z**, Gautier, MS.

Magnolia DX Association, K5W. Operating from MS Sandhill Crane NWR for NWR Week. 18.140 14.240 14.040 7.240. QSL. Randy Becnel, W5UE, PO Box 170, Kiln, MS 39556.

[w5ue.net/k5w/index.html](http://w5ue.net/k5w/index.html)

**Oct 16-Oct 18, 2300Z-2300Z**, Morgan City, LA. Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club, W5YL. Power boat racing returns to Morgan City after 30 years. 14.250 7.250. QSL. Richard Barrett, 4140 Southdown Mandalay Rd, Houma, LA 70360.

[www.w5yl.org](http://www.w5yl.org)

**Oct 17, 1200Z-2000Z**, Woodbridge, VA. National Wildlife Refuge Amateur Radio Club, K4NWR. National Wildlife Refuge Week. 17.240 14.240 14.073 7.240. QSL. Brad Farrell, K4RT, 7423 Salford Ct, Alexandria, VA 22315. *Listen for other NWR Week special event stations Oct 10-18!*

[www.w4ava.org/k4nwr/k4nwr.htm](http://www.w4ava.org/k4nwr/k4nwr.htm)

**Oct 17, 1300Z-2000Z**, East Freetown, MA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 013-06-05, K1K. Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 28.360 21.375 14.278 7.258. QSL. USCGA-65 K1K, 80 Middle St, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

[k1k.73@comcast.net](mailto:k1k.73@comcast.net)

**Oct 17, 1300Z-2000Z**, Media, PA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K3G. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 21.330 14.270 7.270 IRLP 4790. QSL. Daniel F. Amoroso, 196 Dam View Dr, Media, PA 19063.

[a0530407.uscgaux.info/SED2009.html](http://a0530407.uscgaux.info/SED2009.html)

**Oct 17, 1300Z-2200Z**, Merritt, NC. USCG Auxiliary Dist. 5 Div 20, W4C. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary. 28.360 21.345 14.320 7.280. QSL. KB2NNC, 35 Bayview Dr, Merritt, NC 28556. [a0542003.uscgaux.info](http://a0542003.uscgaux.info)

**Oct 17, 1300Z-2100Z**, New Market, TN. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, W4T. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United State Coast Guard Auxiliary. 14.250 14.255 14.270 14.275. QSL. Mark Williams (W2OBX), 1904 Cook Mill Rd, New Market, TN 37820.

[w2obx@att.net](mailto:w2obx@att.net)

**Oct 17, 1300Z-2100Z**, Sayreville, NJ. USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 21, K2N. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.373 21.358 14.273 7.252. QSL. K2N Special Event, 165 Main St, Sayreville, NJ 08872.

[a0140201.uscgaux.info/index.html](mailto:a0140201.uscgaux.info/index.html)

**Oct 17, 1300Z-2100Z**, Swampscott, MA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 1st. Northern Region, K1G. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.485 21.285 14.285 7.285. QSL. Dr. Gary G. Young, K2AJY, 1 Sutton Pl, Swampscott, MA 01907-2609. [gyoung@worchester.edu](mailto:gyoung@worchester.edu)

**Oct 17, 1300Z-2100Z**, Taunton/Kingston, MA. Taunton Area Communications Group, KC1TAC. 52<sup>nd</sup> Jamboree-on-the-Air from Camp Norse Kingston, MA. 147.225 14.290 18.140 7.190. QSL. Don Burke, KB1LXH, 81 Fremont St, Taunton, MA 02780. [www.freewebs.com/kc1tac/jota.htm](http://www.freewebs.com/kc1tac/jota.htm)

**Oct 17, 1300Z-2200Z**, Virginia Beach, VA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 054-05-07, W4Z. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. 21.410 14.262 7.250. QSL. Robert Dunnington, KI4VCT, 1110 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. [QE@flotilla57.com](mailto:QE@flotilla57.com)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2200Z**, Buchanan, TN. USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 8-10 8ER, N4U. Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 28.335 21.370 14.285 7.242 PSK31 20 m. QSL. USCGA Flotilla 8-10 8ER, 4156 Barge Island Rd, Benton, KY 42025. [ab4eg@eplus.net](mailto:ab4eg@eplus.net)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2200Z**, Cartersville, GA. USCG Auxiliary - Flotilla 2-2 D-7 -Lake Allatoona, W4A. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USCG Auxiliary. 28.380 21.375 14.275 7.275. QSL. Jim Farley, KG4FXV, PO Box 641, Smyrna, GA 30081-0641. [jimfarley@att.net](mailto:jimfarley@att.net)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2100Z**, Des Moines, IA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 4 8WR Div 33, K0G. Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 28.405 21.405 14.345 7.240. QSL. John Halbrook, 6300 Stanmore Ct, Johnston, IA 50131-2842. [www.flotilla4.org](http://www.flotilla4.org)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2200Z**, Duluth, MN. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, 091-08-04, W0D. Commemorating USCG Auxiliary 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 28.352 21.352 14.252 7.252. QSL. John R. Whelan, 6924 W Van Rd, Duluth, MN 55803-9359. [k0jrw@arrl.org](mailto:k0jrw@arrl.org)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2100Z**, East Syracuse, NY. Coast Guard Auxiliary, W2W. Auxiliary 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. 28.345 21.385 14.338 7.238. QSL. Jan K. Just,

7537 Myers Rd, East Syracuse, NY 13057. *JOTAs welcomed.* [cgauxr92@aol.com](mailto:cgauxr92@aol.com)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2100Z**, Flowery Branch, GA. USCG Auxiliary - Flotilla 29 - Lake Lanier, W4L. Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> year fo the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 21.365 14.295 7.293 145.370. QSL. Dave Wall, NQ5E, 2110 Oakpointe Ct, Buford, GA 30519. [nq5e@bellsouth.net](mailto:nq5e@bellsouth.net)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2200Z**, Freeport, NY. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K2R. Commemorate 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of USCG Auxiliary. 28.395 21.395 14.282 7.247. QSL. Ron Tomo, KE2UK, 1049 Barbara Ct, North Bellmore, NY 11710. *From USCG Station Jones Beach, NY.*

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2100Z**, Jacksboro, TN. Flotilla 08E-12-05 US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K8A. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 21.330 14.343 7.240. QSL. Pete DeWitt, 393 Clover Cir, Jacksboro, TN 37757-4643. [petedewitt@hughes.net](mailto:petedewitt@hughes.net)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2100Z**, Jacksonville, FL. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, W4W. Anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.385 21.340 14.268 7.278. QSL. Joe Mac Ivor, 12632 Blue Eagle Way, Jacksonville, FL 32225. [w4wlvz@aol.com](mailto:w4wlvz@aol.com)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2200Z**, Little Rock, AR. United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 1508, W5G. USCG Auxiliary 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 14.280. QSL. WA5OFT, 9921 Echo Valley Ct, Little Rock, AR 72227.

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2000Z**, New York, NY. USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 014-05-11, W2K. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary USCG Auxiliary. 28.330 21.330 14.270 7.270. QSL. John Kiernan, KE2UN/W2K, 110 Cabrini Blvd Apt A, New York, NY 10033-3446. [ke2un@msn.com](mailto:ke2un@msn.com)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2100Z**, Omaha, NE. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N0C. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 28.400 21.400 14.247 7.267. QSL. Doug Eubanks, 607 W 15th Ave, Bellevue, NE 68005. [ka0o@cox.net](mailto:ka0o@cox.net)

**Oct 17, 1400Z-2100Z**, Trinity, AL. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, W4U. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.450 21.290 14.250 7.210. QSL. Joe Kleri, N8ESI, 105 Meadowview Dr, Trinity, AL 35673. [n8esi@arrl.net](mailto:n8esi@arrl.net)

**Oct 17, 1600Z-2200Z**, Canon City, CO. Royal Gorge Amateur Radio Club, KB0TUC. Operating from the Worlds Highest Suspension Bridge. 14.260. Certificate. Chuck Ward, 1011 Harrison St, Canon City, CO 81212. [n0kyb@bresnan.net](mailto:n0kyb@bresnan.net) or [www.qsl.net/rghc](http://www.qsl.net/rghc)

**Oct 17, 1600Z-2300Z**, Yorba Linda, CA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary 11s15-08, W6A. Commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Coast Guard. 28.407 21.362 14.292 7.268. QSL. Roy L. Lay, 219 Beal Ave, Placentia, CA 92870-2539.

**Oct 17-Oct 18, 1300Z-2100Z**, Hunting Island, SC. Beaufort Radio Amateur Group, K4L. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hunting Island Lighthouse. 14.190 14.070 7.190 7.070. QSL. K3LLH, 2 Treadlands, Beaufort, SC 29906. [pws.prserv.net/K4L](http://pws.prserv.net/K4L)

**Oct 17-Oct 18, 1430Z-2130Z**, Stanton, TN. Haywood County Amateur Radio Group, W4H. National Wildlife Refuge Week. 146.550 28.420 7.210 3.890. Certificate. Dwayne Duncan, PO Box 355, 5 N Main St, Stanton, TN 38069. *From Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge.*  
[ki4bxi@comcast.net](mailto:ki4bxi@comcast.net)

**Oct 17-Oct 18, 1600Z-1600Z**, San Francisco, CA. San Francisco Amateur Radio Club, W6PW. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake. 14.250 3.805 7.030 (CW) 7.185 (PH). Certificate. Tony Dowler, KM6DA, PO Box 1749, Pacifica, CA 94044-6749. *We will be operating from the Marina District, one of the most damaged areas of the city during the quake.* [www.sfarc.org](http://www.sfarc.org)

**Oct 17-Oct 18, 1700Z-0100Z**, Arleta, CA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, W6W. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 14.300 14.250 14.230. QSL. Howard Levine, 9482 Urbana Ave, Arleta, CA 91331. [w6cga@yahoo.com](mailto:w6cga@yahoo.com)

**Oct 17-Oct 18, 1700Z-0004Z**, Los Gatos, CA. Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Club, K6K. 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Loma Prieta earthquake. 14.325. Certificate. David M. Katinsky, N2RDT, 25570 Radonich Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95033. [www.lparc.org](http://www.lparc.org)

**Oct 17-Oct 18, 1800Z-0100Z**, Richmond, CA. Boy Scouts of America, W6BSA. 52<sup>nd</sup> Jamboree On The Air from the Red Oak Victory Ship. 21.360 18.140 14.290 7.190. QSL. Red Oak Victory Radio Club, 801 Payne Ct, Richmond, CA 94806.  
[jotaforever01@yahoo.com](mailto:jotaforever01@yahoo.com)

**Oct 18-Oct 19, 1800Z-0600Z**, Anchorage, AK. Alaska DX Club, KL5O. Celebrating 50 years of Alaska Statehood on Alaska Day. 14.250. QSL. Ron G. Lago, AC7DX, PO Box 25426, Eugene, OR 97402. [allg\\_ak@yahoo.com](mailto:allg_ak@yahoo.com)

**Oct 20-Oct 22, 1230Z-2000Z**, Moultrie, GA. Colquitt County Ham Radio Society, K0W. Sunbelt Ag-Expo. 146.79 28.400 14.225 7.250. QSL. Dale Culp, 1148 Paul Murphy Rd, Moultrie, GA 31768.  
[wd4kow@wd4kow.org](mailto:wd4kow@wd4kow.org) or [www.wd4kow.org](http://www.wd4kow.org)

**Oct 21-Oct 26, 1200Z-2359Z**, Lynchburg, TN. Coffee County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, W4J. 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Jack Daniels World Championship Invitational BBQ. 14.250 14.080 7.240 SSB CW RTTY. QSL. Jimmy Floyd, PO Box 511, Tullahoma, TN 37388. [www.mtars.org](http://www.mtars.org)

**Oct 24, 1300Z-1700Z**, Randleman, NC. Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, NC4AR. Annual NASCAR Days Festival. 14.278 7.210. Certificate. NC4AR, PO Box 747, Trinity, NC 27370. [www.qsl.net/nc4ar](http://www.qsl.net/nc4ar)

**Oct 24, 1400Z-1900Z**, Helena/Karnes County, TX. Radio Operators of South Texas, W5ROS. Historical Society's Indian Summer Heritage Festival. 14.265. Certificate. Andy Meyer, KD5TNI, PO Box 175, Hobson, TX 78117.

**Oct 24, 1500Z-2000Z**, Punta Gorda, FL. Octagon Wildlife Sanctuary, W8OWS. 31 years of care for abused and abandoned animals. 14.330 7.230. QSL. Tad Burik, K3QC, 2235 Virginia Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33905. [www.octagonwildlife.org](http://www.octagonwildlife.org)

**Oct 24-Oct 25, 0000Z-2359Z**, Smithville, TX. Bastrop County Amateur Radio Club, KE5FKS. Brotherhood of Amateur Radio. 28.300 21.025 14.225 7.225. QSL. BCARC, PO Box 307, Smithville, TX 78957. BCARC@YahooGroups or [www.repeater.org/austinhams/bcArc/index.html](http://www.repeater.org/austinhams/bcArc/index.html)

**Oct 25, 1700Z-2100Z**, Sandy Hook Lighthouse, NJ. Roseland Amateur Radio Club, K2A. Fort Hancock Establishment Day. 14.270 7.270. QSL. Roseland Amateur Radio Club, 300 Eagle Rock Ave, Roseland, NJ 07068. [www.qsl.net/k2gq](http://www.qsl.net/k2gq)

**Oct 29, 1400Z-1800Z**, Sturtevant, WI. Gateway Technical College Amateur Radio Club, N9GTC. GTC celebrates 98 years, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tech College in WI. 21.275 14.275 7.275. Certificate. N9GTC ARC, 2320 Renaissance Blvd, Sturtevant, WI 53177. [engtech.gtc.edu/n9gtc](http://engtech.gtc.edu/n9gtc)

**Oct 30, 1400Z-1800Z**, Sturtevant, WI. Gateway Technical College Amateur Radio Club, N9GTC. GTC celebrates 98 years, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tech College in WI. 21.080 14.080 7.080. Certificate. N9GTC ARC, 2320 Renaissance Blvd, Sturtevant, WI 53177. [engtech.gtc.edu/n9gtc](http://engtech.gtc.edu/n9gtc)

**Oct 30, 1700Z-2200Z**, Las Vegas, NV. Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club, N7V. Celebrating Nevada Day -- 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nevada statehood. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. QSL. LVRAC, PO Box 27342, Las Vegas, NV 89126-1342. [www.lvrac.org](http://www.lvrac.org)

**Oct 31-Nov 1, 1700Z-0500Z**, Transylvania, LA. Northeast Louisiana ARES Foundation, WA5WX. It's a spooky night in Transylvania. 14.260 21.360

7.260 3.960. QSL. Kevin Thomas, 1573 Brownlee Rd, Calhoun, LA 71225. [www.ares-nela.org](http://www.ares-nela.org)

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## Thursday Evening Net

Please join us for the Thursday Night 10-meter net. We meet at 7:00 PM (Local) on or near 28.400 USB.

The goal of the net is for Technicians through Extra class operators to enjoy a weekly on-the-air chat, and experiment with various transmission modes. The outcome of the net has been a surprise to new old old-timers alike, we has all come away with a better understanding of our radios, filter usage, mic gain, transmission line, ...etc.

This is a perfect net for an introduction to HF and/or SSB too. The net is informal, just jump in with your call and net control will get you on the list. One thing that is (almost) always is giving a description of you rig, antenna system and approximate location.

Technicians remain operating SSB as do other class operators with SSB only radios.

If you are restricted to SSB do not let that bother you as we take that into account even as we jump between modes (AM, FM, DSB, LSB).

Hope to hear you Thursdays on the net!

73, WØRO

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## PPRAA Club Meeting

9 September 2009

President Doug Neilsen N7LEM called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at Panera Bread, followed by introductions around the room.

**Silent Keys:** None.

**Minutes:** Mike/Dennis moved/seconded that the August meeting minutes be approved as published in the Zero Beat. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dennis Rosas ACØIV reported that we had a \$13,916.34 total balance in our three accounts as of 9 September 2009.

## Committee Reports

**Picnic** – Aug 22, 25-30 people attended at Bear Creek Regional Park. See photos on our website.

**Colorado QSO Party** – held on September 5. Sixty electronic logs submitted so far. Early comments have been very favorable. Submit your logs by 6 October, please.

## Ft Carson Fiesta Day

We will have a ham radio tent with table display for this event on September 19, 11AM-4PM, at Iron Horse Park, with setup starting at 8AM. Spectrum Coordinator at Ft. Carson has been contacted for clearance. We still need some more operators for this. Contact Doug if you can assist.

## Equipment Donation

Our club is receiving some equipment from an SK estate, including transceivers, a tower, and a beam. We need to take down the tower and beam. Tentative date for this activity is Saturday, September 26. Contact Doug if you can help.

**MegaFest 2009** – We now have a new chairman, Dan WØRO (with some help from Rob). Please consider what we would like to have for the prizes next year.

## Tech Ed

Mike WV7T has training materials for Tech license exam and can also provide some limited individual tutoring. He gave a presentation to the Pikes Peak Power Gliding Club. Several of the members are considering getting ham licenses.

**Thursday Night Net** - Every Thursday night, 7PM, Doc's Glow Net on 28.4 MHz USB\*. See [www.ppraa.org](http://www.ppraa.org) for details. Modes are changed during the evening for experimentation purposes. AM, FM, and sideband modes are used.

\*Next week and following they are changing to 28.390 MHz USB.

## Elections



Elections will be held in October. Secretary, treasurer, president, and VP are open. If you are interested or want to nominate someone, contact VP David Moore.

### **Scout-A-Rama**

We would like to have a booth/display/station at this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jamboree event to be held October 9-10, 2010, at the Phil Long Event Center.

### **Program**

Identity Theft – Matt Huett, Financial Crimes Detective with the Colorado Springs Police Department.

**Next Club Meeting:** The next regular club meeting will be the second Monday, 7 PM, 14 October 2009, at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

**Next Board Meeting:** 7 PM, Monday following club meeting, 19 October 2009, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation, 4110 Tutt Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:  
John Wishart KCØJFH  
PPRAA Secretary  
23 September 2009

## **PPRAA Board Meeting**

14 September 2009

**Attendees:** Doug N7LEM, Dave KØDAM, Dennis ACØIV, Mike WV7T, Dan WØRO, Dennis NØABC, Tom WØTOM, Galen AGØA

President Doug Nielsen N7LEM called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at the Stetson Hills Police Substation.

Minutes: Dennis NØABC/Dave moved/seconded to approve Board minutes as printed. Passed.

### **Reports**

**Treasurer's Report** – Dennis ACØIV reported that we have \$13,916.34 total in our accounts. We still have the final payment to Lewis Palmer for

MegaFest gym and table rental due. Awaiting the final bill.

**COQP 2000** – Doug reported that we had already received more logs in the first few days after the event than we had received last year.

**MegaFest** – Discussed potential prizes for the 2010 megafest. Everyone should investigate what kind of deal we can get on a radio for about \$2500. Should also look into what kind of HT or Dstar system we can get for about \$500 for 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Will need to get funding approved at the October general membership meeting..Dan will contact Lewis Palmer to check availability of dates for 2010. Primary choice is 17 July, second choice is 10 July.

### **Unfinished Business**

**CO Worked All Counties Award** – Doug passed around a draft of the rules. Still needs some final editing..

**Ft Carson Fall Fiesta** - Fall Fiesta is 19 September. We will set up around 0900. Will have two stations to setup, displays and handouts for the tent.

### **New Business**

**Elections** – Elections take place at October meeting. Consider if those holding expiring terms will run again. Need nominations for officers and the four board positions coming open.

**Christmas Party** – Mike will contact Golden Corral and Country Buffet to check availability for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in December.

### **Around the Table**

Dan will be scheduling MegaFest planning meetings. First meeting possibly 4 October 1100hrs.

Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

**Next PPRAA Board meeting:** 7PM, Monday, 19 October 2009, at the Stetson Hills Police Substation.

Submitted by:  
Doug Nielsen N7LEM

## PPRAA OCTOBER VE SESSION

The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association (PPRAA) VE Team will be conducting a VE session at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009 in the room 101 at Colorado Technical University (CTU). The PPRAA VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC and examinations for all classes of license will be offered.

Full information, including driving directions to the CTU is available at the PPRAA web site at <http://www.ppraa.org> or you may contact Jackie Cornwell ACØCA at [ac0ca@arrl.net](mailto:ac0ca@arrl.net) or by calling 719-632-8254.

If attending, please BE SURE to bring the following items to the session:

- 1) A valid PHOTO ID, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
- 2) Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (now required -- this includes children).
- 3) Your ORIGINAL amateur radio license (if any) AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
- 4) The ORIGINAL of any relevant CSCEs you may have AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.

PLEASE NOTE: The standard ARRL/VEC exam fee for 2009 has increased to \$15 effective January 1st. Cash, Check or Money Order for \$15 (standard ARRL VE Fee). Checks and money orders should be made out to ARRL/VEC and will cover all the exams you wish to take at the VE session.

PPRAA VE Team policy, as with many VE Teams, is to not allow same day retests on failed exams.

73 as always...

Jackie Cornwell ACØCA  
PPRAA VE Contact  
719-632-8254

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## Dits and Bits

For Sale or Wanted

### For sale:

- 1) Yaseu FT-980, matching speaker SP-980, desk mic MD-1 Asking \$850.00
  - 2) Motorola BC-120 commercial 2m capable HT. \$100.00
  - 3) Siltronix 500 watt 10m rig, no mic. \$125.00
  - 4) Unknown make 2m HT, box, mic, software \$120.00
- Harland WØYP

### WANTED:

Jim, AB5SI, is looking for a serial (DB9) AB switch. If you have one you can part with contact [wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net).

Have something to sell or trying to find something or just want to see something get to a good home? Send it in to [wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net) and see it in Dits and Bits.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships are up for renewal at the end of the year. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please use the form at the bottom of this page and fill out all the appropriate information so that the Membership Committee can update the records. Include your family so they can share the value and the fun. If you know someone interested in joining, make a copy for them or have them visit PPRAA on the web and download a copy of the PDF file at [www.ppraa.org](http://www.ppraa.org).

<b>Membership Application for the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-6521	
Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Call: _____ Class: N T + G A E Phone: _____ Mbr of ARRL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Email: _____ Additional Family Members to Join/Renew Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____ Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____ Name: _____ Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL? _____	In which activities would you like to participate? Field Day <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> Demonstrations <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> Nets or round tables <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> Organize activities <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> Teach ham classes <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>  Full Member \$15 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> Family Membership \$18 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> Over 65 \$10 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> Over 65 Family \$12 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span> Associate \$12 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></span>  Donation to Club: \$ _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____  <div style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MAKE ALL CHECKS</u></b> <b><u>PAYABLE TO "PPRAA"</u></b></div>
<i>The O-Beat</i> monthly club newsletter is available at <a href="http://WWW.PPRAA.ORG">WWW.PPRAA.ORG</a> .	
Circle your interests <input type="checkbox"/> HF <input type="checkbox"/> V/UHF <input type="checkbox"/> FM <input type="checkbox"/> SSB <input type="checkbox"/> Digital <input type="checkbox"/> DX <input type="checkbox"/> Contests <input type="checkbox"/> Technical <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
New and renewing members must submit a completed application form along with your check to the Treasurer. <div style="text-align: center;"><b>Please Type or Print Clearly!</b></div>	

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